

March 5, 1976

CLERK: Next bill, Mr. President, is LB 974. Read title to LB 974.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kennedy told me he was gone for the day. Whose bill is it?

CLERK: Senator J. W. Burbach.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Very simply it changes the name of the Beatrice State Home to Beatrice State Development Center.

I move that it be advanced to E & R initial.

PRESIDENT: Any discussion? Record your vote. Please vote. Please vote. There are enough votes in the House if you just go to your desks and press the button. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. Next bill.

CLERK: Next bill, Mr. President, is LB 990. Read title.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: The Vice Chairman of the Judiciary is here. He's going to handle the Committee end of it. Senator DeCamp.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. This is an important bill introduced for the Governor. The bill deals with idiots. At the present time idiots are forbidden to get married in the State of Nebraska. This will change all that. The bill will delete the word "idiot" from the statutes and refer simply to the "mentally incompetent". It was thought that the word "idiot" is a derogatory term and, thus, it should be removed from the statutes.

In the Committee hearing the issue was raised as to whether the very entrance into the state of matrimony indicated this condition, although this was not one of the reasons for the bill it was raised in the Committee. We thought we'd bring it up.

I urge you to advance the bill removing this kind of language from our statutes.

PRESIDENT: Do you have a conflict of interest here, Senator?

SENATOR DeCAMP: No conflict sir.